

GEORGE R. HUGHES spent most of 1977, following his return from conducting a tour of Egypt at the end of February, recovering from paralysis of the Guillain-Barré syndrome. His recovery was adequate to permit him to attend a meeting of the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Advisory Council in Washington in December, to teach courses in Demotic and Coptic in the winter quarter of 1978, and to read a paper at the American Research Center in Egypt in New York in March. He is very grateful to the many members of the Oriental Institute who visited him repeatedly, sometimes bringing copies of new Egyptological books for his perusal, to students like Eugene Cruz-Uribe who came to read Demotic Egyptian texts with him, and to Mary Fahrenwald, former secretary of the Department, who constantly brought Smithsonian applications to him and took the required responses by dictation. Mr. Hughes's principal task at present, delayed by the paralysis, is the preparation for publication of the Oriental Institute papyri from Hawara, Egypt, that range in date from the reign of Alexander the Great (331 B.C.) to that of Ptolemy IV Philopator (221 B.C.). His edition of *The Demotic Legal Code of Hermopolis West*, left unfinished at the death of Girgis Mattha, appeared in the summer of 1976. He submitted his manuscript of a *Catalogue of Demotic Texts in the Brooklyn Museum* in June 1976 but it has not yet been printed.